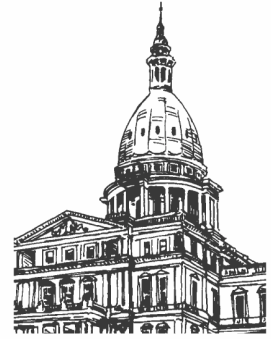


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SCOTT NAMED CO-CHAIR OF MICHIGAN CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

LANSING—State Sen. Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) today served in her first official role as co-chair of the Michigan Children's Trust Fund. Officials met this morning to kick-off the planning phase of the organization's 4th annual charity auction.

"Raising money for groups like these is the first step in giving children a voice in government," said Sen. Scott. "They can't vote, and they have few resources at their own disposal. Our job is to find a way to make their message heard."

Work on behalf of children's initiatives has long been a focus of Sen. Scott's career. Currently, she serves on the Detroit Public Schools Transition Team and the Highland Park Early Childhood Task Force and is a Board Member of the Michigan Youth in Government Program. In addition to work throughout the community supporting children, Sen. Scott has taken a leading role in legislative efforts to support children's causes. This past year, she sponsored a bill to prohibit storing loaded firearms within a minor's reach and a resolution commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Head Start program.

"I like to think that my work focuses on helping people who cannot take care of themselves, the most vulnerable in our population," explained Scott. "That makes helping children a top priority."

Sen. Scott is the recipient of numerous child-advocacy awards. In 2002, Michigan's Children, a non-profit child advocacy organization, awarded Senator Scott with the "Doing Something Wonderful" legislative award for her commitment to shaping public policy that contributes to the overall well-being of children. In 2004, she was awarded the Crime Fighters Award from Fight Crime: Invest in Kids.

Michigan Children's Trust Fund is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Over the last 23 years, the fund has raised over \$60 million and provided support to over 6 million children and families. On May 2, 2006, the Children's Trust Fund will hold its 4th annual Cherish the Children, Ultimate Fantasy Auction at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing. Last year, the event raised over \$320,000, making it one of the largest charitable events in the greater Lansing community.

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Senator Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.